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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 February 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because: in figures 1 and 6, functional blocks should be labeled with corresponding functional names in order to help viewers to understand the block diagrams shown in the figures, e.g., in figure 1, block (10) is suggested to be labeled with “MPEG-2 Source”, block (11) with “Coder and Modulator”, etc. Correction is required.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 9, line 1, recites the limitation "A multi-carrier transmission *signal*". It appears that said limitation should be, and is assumed here as, "A multi-carrier transmission *method*" in order to make it as an antecedent basis for the limitation "the method", recited in claim 9, line 2.

Appropriate correction is required.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because claim 10 recites the limitation "A computer program product for a device computing a set of instructions, which when loaded into the device, causes said device to carry out the method ...". Such a "computer program product" appeared in the claim is not described in the Specification. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. While the claim recite a series of steps or acts to be performed, a statutory "process" under 35 U.S.C. 101. must (1) be tied to another statutory category (such as a particular apparatus), or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or material) to a different state or thing (Reference the May 15, 2008 memorandum issued by Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examining Policy, John J. Love, titled "Clarification of 'Process' under 35 U.S.C. 101"). The instant claims neither transform underlying subject matter nor *positively tie to another statutory category that accomplishes* the claimed method steps, and therefore do not qualify as a statutory process

The specific link to the Processes memo is
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/section_101_05_15_2008.pdf

Claim 10 is directed to a computer program product, which is considered here as a computer program, being a non-statutory subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claim 10 recites the limitation "A computer program product for a device computing a set of instructions, which when loaded into the device, causes said device to carry out the method ...". Such a "computer program product" appeared in the claim is not described in the Specification.

7. Claims 1-7 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because each of the claims is a single means claim, i.e., where a claim recitation does not appear in combination with another recited elements means. (See M.P.E.P. 2164.08(a))

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fazel et al (5,467,132).

-Regarding claim 7, Fazel et al discloses a multi-carrier reception device, as claimed, (see figure 1b, col. 4, line 47 to col. 5, line 9). Fazel et al multi-carrier reception device inherently receives information signals over a set of carriers, the set of carriers comprising a sub-set of carriers, denoted sub-carriers, each sub-carrier being modulated according to a first modulation comprising complex symbols, the real parts of which being proportional to a combination of the real parts of complex symbols of a second constellation, which convey additional information signals, with the real parts of complex symbols of a third constellation, which convey parameter signaling signals, the complex parts of the symbols of the first modulation being proportional to a combination of the complex parts of the symbols of the second constellation, if said information signals appear at the front end of the multi-carrier reception device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Phu whose telephone number is 571-272-3009. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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